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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document is attached.

Applicants previously submitted an IDS on January 10, 2002, before the issuance of the first Office Action, which included but failed to specifically list the enclosed reference U.S. Patent No. 1,995,970. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the reference and a Form 1449 that lists the reference. Applicant understands that there is no fee required for this supplement, however, should a filing fee be required in connection with the filing of the Supplemental IDS, the Patent Office may charge our deposit account No. 01-2340.


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